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INTERACTION BETWEEN FORESTS, PLANTS AND POLLUTANTS

1. REQUEST CONSULATE GENERAL PASS FOLLOWING LETTER TO V. A.  
ALEKSEYEV, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF BOTANICAL INSTITUTE OF  
ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, LENINGRAD, AND EMBASSY PASS COPY TO  
KAZAKOV.

2. MARCH 13, 1978 02.03-21

DR. V. A. ALEKSEYEV  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR  
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BOTANICAL INSTITUTE OF ACADEMY OF SCIENCES  
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DEAR DR. ALEKSEYEV:

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF FEBRUARY 24 CON-  
FIRMING JULY 15-31 AS THE DATES FOR THE VISIT OF THE US DELE-

GATION TO THE USSR. AS YOU REQUESTED, I WILL DESCRIBE BRIEFLY THE CREDENTIALS AND RESEARCH INTERESTS OF EACH OF THE FOUR DELEGATION MEMBERS.

DR. WALTER HECK IS A PLANT PHYSIOLOGIST AND RESEARCH LEADER WITH THE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. HE IS ALSO AFFILIATED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, AND IS CURRENTLY STUDYING THE EFFECTS OF GASEOUS POLLUTANTS ON AGRONOMIC AND HORTICULTURAL CROPS.

DR. PAUL MILLER, OF THE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST FOREST EXPERIMENT STATION AT RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, IS A RESEARCH PLANT PATHOLOGIST WORKING ON CHRONIC DOSE RESPONSE TO FOREST VEGETATION BY PHOTOCHEMICAL OXIDANTS.

DR. LEONARD WEINSTEIN, A PLANT PHYSIOLOGIST, IS PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY AT THE BOYCE-THOMPSON INSTITUTE IN YONKERS, NEW YORK. HE IS INTERESTED IN EFFECTS OF ATMOSPHERIC FLOURIDES AND COMBINATION OF POLLUTANTS ON AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY.

AS YOU KNOW, I AM US PROJECT LEADER AND A PLANT PHYSIOLOGIST AFFILIATED WITH THE NORTHEAST FOREST EXPERIMENT STATION OF THE FOREST SERVICE IN DELAWARE, OHIO. MY RESEARCH AREA IS IMPACT ASSESSMENTS OF AMBIENT POLLUTANTS IN FORESTS OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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EASTERN UNITED STATES.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MENTION SEVERAL THINGS THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO DO AND SEE DURING OUR STAY IN THE SOVIET UNION. WE ARE VERY INTERESTED IN THE IMPACT OF INDUSTRIAL POLLUTANTS ON FORESTRY AND AGRICULTURE AND WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SOME ON-THE-GROUND INSPECTIONS OF FORESTS INJURED BY INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION. WE ARE ALSO INTERESTED IN SO<sub>2</sub> SMELTERS AND THEIR EFFECTS IN THE FIELD. ADDITIONALLY, DR. WEINSTEIN WOULD LIKE TO INSPECT A LUMINA REDUCTION SMELTER IF THIS IS POSSIBLE.

FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE AUGUST 20 - SEPTEMBER 3, 1978, AS THE DATES FOR A VISIT TO THE US BY A SOVIET DELEGATION OF 4-5 SPECIALISTS. PLEASE LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER THESE DATES ARE AGREEABLE TO YOU. I WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR SENDING ME THE NAMES AND INTERESTS OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION MEMBERS, AS WELL AS A LIST OF AREAS YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN VISITING.

WITH WARM REGARDS,

LEON S. DOCHINGER  
US LEADER  
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